



**MINUTES**  
**Cochran City Council**  
**Tuesday, October 18, 2016**  
**Special Called Meeting @ 7:00 PM**

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*City Hall located at 112 West Dykes Street, Cochran, GA 31014*

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Present: Councilmembers Jon Thrower, Charles Cranford, Andrew Lemmon, Fleming Gilman, Regina Gooch.  
Absent: Mayor Gary Ates.

Councilmember Jon Thrower made a motion to declare a vacancy in the Chair and to name Andrew Lemmon as Mayor Pro Tem, and for Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Lemmon to serve as chair in the future in the absence of Mayor Ates. Councilmember Charles Cranford seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Call to order by Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Lemmon. The invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Lemmon followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Thrower.

**Agenda Items**

**Item # 1 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern**

Consider appointment of Interim City Clerk. City Manager recommended Jill Cooper be appointed Interim City Clerk. Councilmember Regina Gooch made a motion to accept Jill Cooper as Interim City Clerk and Councilmember Fleming Gilman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Councilmember Jon Thrower made a motion to give a 10% salary increase to Jill Cooper, who is the current Finance Administrator, because she would be doing both jobs during her term as Interim City Clerk. Councilmember Charles Cranford seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

**Item # 2 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern**

Consider appointment of Election Superintendent for indefinite term. City Manager Newbern stated that the Secretary of State's office said that the City Clerk could fulfill the duties of the Election Superintendent during an election in the absence of an Election Superintendent but recommended that an Election Superintendent should be appointed as soon as possible. Councilmember Thrower made a motion to name Jill Cooper as Election Superintendent for an indefinite term regardless of her position with the City. Councilmember Cranford seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

**Council Discussion Items**

City Manager Richard Newbern advised Councilmembers that the Georgia DCA had to reschedule the \$500,000 CDBG award grant meeting in Savannah due to the hurricane. The award will be given on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Hyatt in Savannah. Any Councilmembers interested in attending the award event would need to meet at City Hall at 6:30 a.m. on the morning of the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

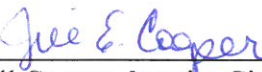
Councilmember Andrew Lemmon asked if the Council needed to have a formal vote to accept the former Mayor Michael Stoy's resignation. City Manager Richard Newbern stated that the Council's declaration of the vacancy of the position at the prior meeting was the same as accepting the resignation.

City Manager Richard Newbern advised the Councilmembers that the notices to property owners who would be affected by the proposed annexation will be mailed this week.

City Manager Richard Newbern advised Councilmembers that the next Council meeting would be November 15<sup>th</sup> instead of the 8<sup>th</sup> due to the scheduled national election.

Councilmember Thrower made a motion and Councilmember Lemmon seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

**Adjourn 7:45 p.m.**

  
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Jill Cooper, Interim City Clerk

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